(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the planters of the Nelliampathies are blasting rocks to construct buildings;

(b) have the planters submitted any petitions for allowing them to quarry granite rocks;

(c) if so, have the Government authorised them to do so without payment of seigniorage;

(d) what is the total quantity of rocks blasted and used by them in the last three years?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar)*.—(a) No.

(b) A petition has been received from Mr. A.S. Harihara Ayyar, owner of Sherunelly Estate to blast rocks for domestic purposes.

(c) Generally quarrying for domestic purposes from porambоke lands at the disposal of the Sirkar for private bodies is granted free of seigniorage.

(d) Not known in view of answer to (a).

മിസ്റ്റർ ആർ. വിശ്വനാഥൻ ചെട്ടിയാർ *(Nemmara)*.— മലയിൽ യൂറോപ്യൻ പ്ലാന്റേഴ്സ് പാറ വെടിവെയ്ക്കുന്നതിനു അപ്ലിക്കേഷൻ കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar)*.—The only petition received is from Mr. A. S. Harihara Iyer.

മിസ്റ്റർ ആർ. വിശ്വനാഥൻ ചെട്ടിയാർ *(Nemmara)*.— വളരെ കാലമായി പ്ലാന്റേഴ്സ് പാറ വെടിവച്ചു വരുന്നതു അറിവില്ലെ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar)*.—No.

മിസ്റ്റർ ആർ. വിശ്വനാഥൻ ചെട്ടിയാർ *(Nemmara)*.— അതിനെക്കുറിച്ചു അന്വേഷണം നടത്താമോ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar)*.—I will make an enquiry into that matter.

Arrears of Land Revenue—coercive steps taken and sale of properties—particulars regarding.

152. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam)*.—Will the Government be pleased to state the number of cases in which coercive steps have been taken for the arrears of land revenue

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and the number of cases of the sale of properties for its realisation?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—As the question does not specify the period for which the information is sought for, no definite answer can be given.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—I am sorry I left out the year. May I know whether as a matter of fact coercive steps have been taken and whether the number of sales has increased in this year than last year?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—All the notices about sales have not reached me. But from the very few that have come to me, I have no reason to apprehend that there has been an increase.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know, Sir, whether the attention of the Government of Cochin has been drawn to a recent circular issued by the Minister of the Central Provinces that coercive steps be not taken for collection of arrears of land revenue? Have you come across that?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—I saw it in the papers.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—In the light of that, will you help the ryots by adopting some similar provision, if not the exact, at least something like that?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—Without making any pretensions, we have passed many more circulars of a better sort even before.

Construction of roads—five year plan—particulars regarding.

153. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar** *(Urakam).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether the programme of five year plan for the construction of roads has been strictly carried out;

(2) whether any new roads not provided in the five year plan have been taken up; and if so, the names of those roads and the amount spent for the same?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—

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